PRO FOOTBALL REFERENCE

1961 NFL Standings & Team Stats

League Champion: Green Bay Packers
AP MVP: Paul Hornung
AP Rookie of the Year: Mike Ditka
Passing Leader: Sonny Jurgensen, 3723 Yds
Rushing Leader: Jim Brown, 1408 Yds
Receiving Leader: Tommy McDonald, 1144 Yds

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1961 NFL Standings

Tm	W	L	T	W-L%	PF	PA	PD	MoV	SoS	SRS	OSRS	DSRS
East												
New York Giants*	10	3	1	.769	368	220	148	10.6	-3.1	7.5	3.4	4.1
Philadelphia Eagles	10	4	0	.714	361	297	64	4.6	-2.6	1.9	3.8	-1.8
Cleveland Browns	8	5	1	.615	319	270	49	3.5	-1.9	1.6	0.4	1.2
St. Louis Cardinals	7	7	0	.500	279	267	12	0.9	-2.4	-1.5	-2.6	1.1
Pittsburgh Steelers	6	8	0	.429	295	287	8	0.6	-2.3	-1.7	-1.5	-0.3
Dallas Cowboys	4	9	1	.308	236	380	-144	-10.3	-2.1	-12.4	-5.9	-6.4
Washington Redskins	1	12	1	.077	174	392	-218	-15.6	-0.1	-15.7	-9.2	-6.5
West												
Green Bay Packers*	11	3	0	.786	391	223	168	12.0	1.6	13.6	7.1	6.5
Detroit Lions	8	5	1	.615	270	258	12	0.9	2.5	3.3	-1.8	5.1
Chicago Bears	8	6	0	.571	326	302	24	1.7	2.5	4.3	2.8	1.5
Baltimore Colts	8	6	0	.571	302	307	-5	-0.4	1.5	1.1	0.9	0.3
San Francisco 49ers	7	6	1	.538	346	272	74	5.3	0.8	6.1	3.6	2.5
Los Angeles Rams	4	10	0	.286	263	333	-70	-5.0	3.5	-1.5	-1.2	-0.3
Minnesota Vikings	3	11	0	.214	285	407	-122	-8.7	2.1	-6.6	0.1	-6.8

Playoff Results

Week	Day	Date	Winner/tie	Loser/tie	Date	Pts	Pts
Champ	Sun	1961-12-31	**Green Bay Packers**	New York Giants	boxscore	**37**	0

1961 Week Summaries

Week 1 | Week 2 | Week 3 | Week 4 | Week 5 | Week 6 | Week 7 | Week 8 | Week 9

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Award Winners

AP MVP: Paul Hornung
UPI MVP: Paul Hornung
Newspaper Ent. Assoc. MVP: Y.A. Tittle
Sporting News Player of the Year: Paul Hornung
Bert Bell Award (Player of the Year): Paul Hornung
AP Rookie of the Year: Mike Ditka
UPI NFL Rookie of the Year: Mike Ditka
Sporting News Rookie of the Year: Mike Ditka
AP Coach of the Year: Allie Sherman
UPI Coach of the Year: Allie Sherman
Sporting News Coach of the Year: Vince Lombardi

Team Offense

					Tot Yds & TO					Passing							Rushing					Penalt	
Rk	Tm	G	Pts	Yds	Ply	Y/P	TO	FL	1stD	Cmp	Att	Yds	TD	Int	NY/A	1stD	Att	Yds	TD	Y/A	1stD	Pen	Yds
1	Green Bay Packers	14	391	4714	780	6.0	26	10	274	177	306	2364	18	16	7.7	115	474	2350	27	5.0	142	66	647
2	New York Giants	14	368	4597	880	5.2	43	20	275	215	416	2740	27	23	6.6	160	464	1857	13	4.0	99	59	629
3	Philadelphia Eagles	14	361	5112	802	6.4	40	14	252	241	429	3605	34	26	8.4	158	373	1507	10	4.0	78	42	500
4	San Francisco 49ers	14	346	4904	794	6.2	36	17	258	187	346	2804	15	19	8.1	132	448	2100	27	4.7	116	65	635
5	Chicago Bears	14	326	4562	785	5.8	38	14	239	186	349	2672	26	24	7.7	113	436	1890	16	4.3	103	81	720
6	Cleveland Browns	14	319	4537	796	5.7	33	20	246	185	320	2374	20	13	7.4	120	476	2163	15	4.5	116	47	455
7	Baltimore Colts	14	302	4922	894	5.5	42	13	274	232	438	2803	17	29	6.4	135	456	2119	17	4.6	124	69	589
8	Pittsburgh Steelers	14	295	4093	877	4.7	56	22	239	176	334	2332	23	34	7.0	123	543	1761	10	3.2	102	52	486
9	Minnesota Vikings	14	285	3886	796	4.9	44	22	236	203	377	1989	22	22	5.3	123	419	1897	14	4.5	104	36	375
10	St. Louis Cardinals	14	279	3378	737	4.6	41	18	202	168	351	1973	21	23	5.6	110	386	1405	8	3.6	83	57	535
11	Detroit Lions	14	270	4412	837	5.3	42	15	233	186	398	2544	14	27	6.4	122	439	1868	16	4.3	96	69	678
12	Los Angeles Rams	14	263	4295	801	5.4	32	11	236	199	386	2337	13	21	6.1	111	415	1958	17	4.7	109	63	599
13	Dallas Cowboys	14	236	4480	838	5.3	48	21	239	215	422	2661	23	27	6.3	130	416	1819	6	4.4	100	47	427
14	Washington Redskins	14	174	3247	781	4.2	40	12	193	189	420	2175	12	28	5.2	124	361	1072	9	3.0	55	70	651
	Avg Team		**301.1**	**4367.1**	**814.1**	**5.4**	**40.1**	**16.4**	**242.6**	**197.1**	**378.0**	**2526.6**	**20.4**	**23.7**	**6.7**	**126.9**	**436.1**	**1840.4**	**14.6**	**4.2**	**101.9**	**58.8**	**566.1**
	League Total		**4215**	**61139**	**11398**	**5.4**	**561**	**229**	**3396**	**2759**	**5292**	**35373**	**285**	**332**	**6.7**	**1776**	**6106**	**25766**	**205**	**4.2**	**1427**	**823**	**7926**
	Avg Tm/G		**21.5**	**311.9**	**58.2**	**5.4**	**2.9**	**1.2**	**17.3**	**14.1**	**27.0**	**180.5**	**1.5**	**1.7**	**6.7**	**9.1**	**31.2**	**131.5**	**1.0**	**4.2**	**7.3**	**4.2**	**40.4**

Passing Offense

Rk	Tm	G	Cmp	Att	Cmp%	Yds	TD	TD%	Int	Int%	Lng	Y/A	AY/A	Y/C	Y/G	Rate	Sk	Yds	Sk%	NY/A	ANY/A	4QC	GWD
1	Philadelphia Eagles	14	241	429	56.2	3605	34	7.9	26	6.1	69	8.4	7.3	15.0	257.5	85.1		219		8.4	7.3	3	3
2	San Francisco 49ers	14	187	346	54.0	2804	15	4.3	19	5.5	70	8.1	6.5	15.0	200.3	72.5		253		8.1	6.5	2	2
3	Baltimore Colts	14	232	438	53.0	2803	17	3.9	29	6.6	72	6.4	4.2	12.1	200.2	58.2		215		6.4	4.2	3	4
4	New York Giants	14	215	416	51.7	2740	27	6.5	23	5.5	62	6.6	5.4	12.7	195.7	71.2		295		6.6	5.4	2	2
5	Chicago Bears	14	186	349	53.3	2672	26	7.4	24	6.9	98	7.7	6.1	14.4	190.9	74.6		339		7.7	6.1	4	5
6	Dallas Cowboys	14	215	422	50.9	2661	23	5.5	27	6.4	80	6.3	4.5	12.4	190.1	62.3		257		6.3	4.5	3	2
7	Detroit Lions	14	186	398	46.7	2544	14	3.5	27	6.8	84	6.4	4.0	13.7	181.7	51.1		286		6.4	4.0	2	2
8	Cleveland Browns	14	185	320	57.8	2374	20	6.3	13	4.1	77	7.4	6.8	12.8	169.6	85.1		164		7.4	6.8	2	2
9	Green Bay Packers	14	177	306	57.8	2364	18	5.9	16	5.2	78	7.7	6.5	13.4	168.9	80.3		138		7.7	6.5	3	3
10	Los Angeles Rams	14	199	386	51.6	2337	13	3.4	21	5.4	96	6.1	4.3	11.7	166.9	58.8		372		6.1	4.3	1	3
11	Pittsburgh Steelers	14	176	334	52.7	2332	23	6.9	34	10.2	88	7.0	3.8	13.3	166.6	58.5		290		7.0	3.8	1	1
12	Washington Redskins	14	189	420	45.0	2175	12	2.9	28	6.7	80	5.2	2.8	11.5	155.4	42.9		391		5.2	2.8	0	0
13	Minnesota Vikings	14	203	377	53.8	1989	22	5.8	22	5.8	71	5.3	3.8	9.8	142.1	64.1		538		5.3	3.8		
14	St. Louis Cardinals	14	168	351	47.9	1973	21	6.0	23	6.6	80	5.6	3.9	11.7	140.9	58.0		461		5.6	3.9	2	3
	Avg Team		**197.1**	**378.0**	**52.1**	**2526.6**	**20.4**	**5.4**	**23.7**	**6.3**	**79**	**6.7**	**4.9**	**12.8**	**180.5**	**68.5**		**301.3**		**6.68**	**4.9**	**2.0**	**2.3**
	League Total		**2759**	**5292**	**52.1**	**35373**	**285**	**5.4**	**332**	**6.3**	**98**	**6.7**	**4.9**	**12.8**	**180.5**	**68.5**	**0**	**4218**	**0.0**	**6.68**	**4.9**	**28**	**32**
	Avg Tm/G		**14.1**	**27.0**	**52.1**	**180.5**	**1.5**	**5.4**	**1.7**	**6.3**		**6.7**	**4.9**	**12.8**	**180.5**	**68.5**		**21.5**		**6.68**	**4.9**		

Rushing Offense

Rk	Tm	G	Att	Yds	TD	Lng	Y/A	Y/G	Fmb
1	Green Bay Packers	14	474	2350	27	69	5.0	167.9	18
2	Cleveland Browns	14	476	2163	15	56	4.5	154.5	28
3	Baltimore Colts	14	456	2119	17	60	4.6	151.4	21
4	San Francisco 49ers	14	448	2100	27	54	4.7	150.0	25
5	Los Angeles Rams	14	415	1958	17	73	4.7	139.9	21
6	Minnesota Vikings	14	419	1897	14	52	4.5	135.5	36
7	Chicago Bears	14	436	1890	16	60	4.3	135.0	23
8	Detroit Lions	14	439	1868	16	42	4.3	133.4	25
9	New York Giants	14	464	1857	13	59	4.0	132.6	40
10	Dallas Cowboys	14	416	1819	6	71	4.4	129.9	46
11	Pittsburgh Steelers	14	543	1761	10	44	3.2	125.8	34
12	Philadelphia Eagles	14	373	1507	10	47	4.0	107.6	25
13	St. Louis Cardinals	14	386	1405	8	54	3.6	100.4	39
14	Washington Redskins	14	361	1072	9	39	3.0	76.6	18
	Avg Team		**436.1**	**1840.4**	**14.6**	**56**	**4.2**	**131.5**	**28.5**
	League Total		**6106**	**25766**	**205**	**73**	**4.2**	**131.5**	**399**
	Avg Tm/G		**31.2**	**131.5**	**1.0**		**4.2**	**131.5**	**2.0**

Kick & Punt Returns

			Punt Returns					Kick Returns					
Rk	**Tm**	**G**	**Ret**	**Yds**	**TD**	**Lng**	**Y/R**	**Rt**	**Yds**	**TD**	**Lng**	**Y/Rt**	**APYd**
1	New York Giants	14	42	289	0	30	6.9	38	850	0	49	22.4	6107
2	Pittsburgh Steelers	14	40	447	1	66	11.2	49	1020	0	59	20.8	5864
3	Detroit Lions	14	38	357	0	45	9.4	50	1097	1	100	21.9	6191
4	Philadelphia Eagles	14	34	353	1	66	10.4	53	1313	1	105	24.8	7020
5	Baltimore Colts	14	33	269	0	46	8.2	53	1182	0	64	22.3	6602
6	Washington Redskins	14	28	197	0	18	7.0	64	1661	0	48	26.0	5501
7	Cleveland Browns	14	28	283	1	64	10.1	50	1115	1	91	22.3	6207
8	Chicago Bears	14	27	170	0	16	6.3	51	1247	0	78	24.5	6357
9	St. Louis Cardinals	14	26	236	1	73	9.1	47	992	0	53	21.1	5172
10	San Francisco 49ers	14	24	232	1	80	9.7	49	1302	1	98	26.6	6709
11	Minnesota Vikings	14	23	309	1	81	13.4	72	1568	0	60	21.8	6338
12	Dallas Cowboys	14	23	103	0	19	4.5	64	1345	0	79	21.0	6246
13	Green Bay Packers	14	20	355	2	72	17.8	41	1077	0	61	26.3	6286
14	Los Angeles Rams	14	14	184	1	90	13.1	56	1463	1	105	26.1	6324
	Avg Team		**28.6**	**270.3**	**0.6**	**55**	**9.5**	**52.6**	**1230.9**	**0.4**	**75**	**23.4**	**6208.9**
	League Total		**400**	**3784**	**9**	**90**	**9.5**	**737**	**17232**	**5**	**105**	**23.4**	**86924**
	Avg Tm/G		**2.0**	**19.3**	**0.0**		**9.5**	**3.8**	**87.9**	**0.0**		**23.4**	**443.5**

Kicking

			0-19		20-29		30-39		40-49		50+		Scoring							Kickoffs				
Rk	Tm	G	FGA	FGM	FGA	FGM	FGA	FGM	FGA	FGM	FGA	FGM	FGA	FGM	Lng	FG%	XPA	XPM	XP%	KO	KOYds	TB	TB%	KOAvg
1	New York Giants	14	6	5	6	3	11	3	10	3	1		34	14	46	41.2%	46	46	100.0%					
2	Baltimore Colts	14											39	21	52	53.8%	34	33	97.1%					
3	Green Bay Packers	14	9	8	5	4	5	2	1	1	4	1	24	16	51	66.7%	49	49	100.0%					
4	Philadelphia Eagles	14											25	14	42	56.0%	46	43	93.5%					
5	Chicago Bears	14											27	11	50	40.7%	42	41	97.6%					
6	San Francisco 49ers	14											22	12	46	54.5%	44	44	100.0%					
7	Detroit Lions	14											33	15	49	45.5%	32	31	96.9%					
8	Pittsburgh Steelers	14											28	15	47	53.6%	36	34	94.4%					
9	Cleveland Browns	14											23	16	48	69.6%	38	37	97.4%					
10	Los Angeles Rams	14											27	13	38	48.1%	32	32	100.0%					
11	Minnesota Vikings	14	6	4	5	4	5	1	5				21	9	34	42.9%	37	36	97.3%					
12	St. Louis Cardinals	14											17	7	38	41.2%	37	34	91.9%					
13	Dallas Cowboys	14	3	2	7	4	6	4	7	1	1		24	11	42	45.8%	29	29	100.0%					
14	Washington Redskins	14											28	5	52	17.9%	23	21	91.3%					
	Avg Team		**1.7**	**1.4**	**1.6**	**1.1**	**1.9**	**0.7**	**1.6**	**0.4**	**0.4**	**0.1**	**26.6**	**12.8**	**45.4**	**48.1%**	**37.5**	**36.4**	**97.1%**					
	League Total		**24**	**19**	**23**	**15**	**27**	**10**	**23**	**5**	**6**	**1**	**372**	**179**		**48.1%**	**525**	**510**	**97.1%**					
	Avg Tm/G		**0.1**	**0.1**	**0.1**	**0.1**	**0.1**	**0.1**	**0.1**				**1.9**	**0.9**		**48.1%**	**2.7**	**2.6**	**97.1%**					

Punting

			Punting											
Rk	**Tm**	**G**	**Pnt**	**Yds**	**Y/P**	**RetYds**	**Net**	**NY/P**	**Lng**	**TB**	**TB%**	**In20**	**In20%**	**Blck**
1	St. Louis Cardinals	14	85	3802	44.7	438			78					1
2	Pittsburgh Steelers	14	73	3431	47.0	250			71					0
3	New York Giants	14	68	2984	43.9	249			66					2
4	Washington Redskins	14	70	2665	38.1	281			62					0
5	Minnesota Vikings	14	63	2458	39.0	138			59					2
6	Los Angeles Rams	14	64	2568	40.1	377			53					0
7	Dallas Cowboys	14	61	2236	36.7	193			53					1
8	Chicago Bears	14	60	2504	41.7	302			69					0
9	San Francisco 49ers	14	59	2633	44.6	269			67					0
10	Detroit Lions	14	56	2664	47.6	264			71					0
11	Philadelphia Eagles	14	55	2403	43.7	235			64					0
12	Cleveland Browns	14	53	2296	43.3	213			62					0
13	Green Bay Packers	14	51	2194	43.0	313			75					0
14	Baltimore Colts	14	42	1804	43.0	248			61					0
	Avg Team		**61.4**	**2617.3**	**42.6**	**269.3**			**65**					**0.4**
	League Total		**860**	**36642**	**42.6**	**3770**			**78**					**6**
	Avg Tm/G		**4.4**	**186.9**	**42.6**	**19.2**								**0.0**

Scoring Offense

Rk	Tm	G	RshTD	RecTD	PR TD	KR TD	FblTD	IntTD	OthTD	AllTD	2PM	2PA	D2P	XPM	XPA	FGM	FGA	Sfty	Pts	Pts/G
1	New York Giants	14	13	27			1	4	1	46		0		46	46	14	34	2	368	26.3
2	Green Bay Packers	14	27	18	2			2		49		0		49	49	16	24		391	27.9
3	Detroit Lions	14	16	14		1		1		32		0		31	32	15	33	1	270	19.3
4	St. Louis Cardinals	14	8	21	1		2	5		37		0		34	37	7	17	1	279	19.9
5	Cleveland Browns	14	15	20	1	1	2			39		0		37	38	16	23		319	22.8
6	San Francisco 49ers	14	27	15	1	1				44		0		44	44	12	22	1	346	24.7
7	Pittsburgh Steelers	14	10	23	1			2		36		0		34	36	15	28		295	21.1
8	Philadelphia Eagles	14	10	34	1	1				46		0		43	46	14	25		361	25.8
9	Chicago Bears	14	16	26						42		0		41	42	11	27		326	23.3
10	Baltimore Colts	14	17	17						34		0		33	34	21	39	1	302	21.6
11	Los Angeles Rams	14	17	13	1	1				32		0		32	32	13	27		263	18.8
12	Dallas Cowboys	14	6	23						29		0		29	29	11	24		236	16.9
13	Washington Redskins	14	9	12				2		23		0		21	23	5	28		174	12.4
14	Minnesota Vikings	14	14	22	1					37		0		36	37	9	21		285	20.4
	Avg Team		**14.6**	**20.4**	**0.6**	**0.4**	**0.4**	**1.1**	**0.1**	**37.6**		**0.0**	**0.0**	**36.4**	**37.5**	**12.8**	**26.6**	**0.4**	**301.1**	**21.5**
	League Total		**205**	**285**	**9**	**5**	**5**	**16**	**1**	**526**		**0**	**0**	**510**	**525**	**179**	**372**	**6**	**4215**	**21.5**
	Avg Tm/G		**1.05**	**1.45**	**0.05**	**0.03**	**0.03**	**0.08**	**0.01**	**2.68**		**0.00**	**0.00**	**2.60**	**2.68**	**0.91**	**1.90**	**0.03**	**21.5**	

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